IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re application of:

lowe *et al*.

: Art Unit: 3672

Serial No. 09/546,256

: Examiner: Dr. Frank S. Tsay

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For: Method and Apparatus for Sampling Fluids from a Wellbore

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 05/23/01, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. As specified in the attached cover sheet, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment has been requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this paper has been authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 07-2320.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows (claims 20-28 are new):

(AMENDED) A method for sampling a fluid produced from a 1. wellbore, the method comprising:

providing a vehicle having a drive means for moving the vehicle, a collecting device for collecting a sample of fluid, and a storage facility for the collected sample of fluid, said collecting device and said storage 00000003 072320 09546256 facility being connected to said vehicle;

160.00 CH 126.00 Sing the collecting device to collect a sample of the fluid from a subsea structure at a first location;

storing the sample in said storage facility of said vehicle; and carrying the sample to a second location which is different from said first location.

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